

REMARKS

Claims 39-46, 48 and 49 are now pending. Claim 47 is now cancelled. Claims 46 and 48 are now amended. The claim amendments are fully supported by the application as filed and do not present new subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kishigami (U.S. Pat. No. 5,467,210). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants now amend Claim 46 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 47, thus placing Claim 46 into a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 102 rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action indicates that Claims 47-49 are allowable. Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowable subject matter of these claims. Applicants note that these claims are allowable for numerous reasons in addition to those set forth in the Office Action.

Applicants now amend independent Claim 46 to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 47. Therefore, Claim 46 and those claims dependent therefrom are now in a condition for allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowable subject matter of Claims 39-45. Applicants note that these claims are allowable for numerous reasons in addition to those set forth in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

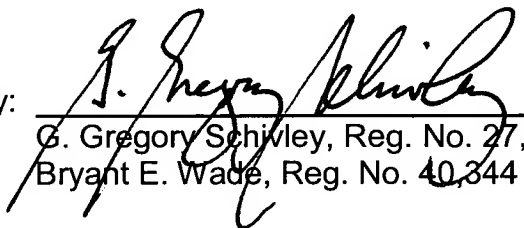
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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